



**RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION**

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A regular meeting of the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education was held on Monday, June 28, 2010, at the Community College of Rhode Island, Warwick, Rhode Island. Chair Frank Caprio declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

**Present:** Frank Caprio, Kenneth Aurecchia, Brandon Brown, Solomon A. Solomon, Daniel Ryan, Joseph Hagan, and Pierre LaPerriere

**Absent:** Michael Ryan, Robert Flanders, Jr., Thomas Rockett and Kathrin Belliveau

**1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

On a motion duly made by Brandon Brown and seconded by Pierre LaPerriere it was

**VOTED:** That the Board of Governors for Higher Education accept the agenda for the meeting of June 28, 2010.

Vote: 7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Kenneth Aurecchia, Brandon Brown, Solomon A. Solomon, Daniel Ryan, Joseph Hagan and Pierre LaPerriere

NAYS: 0

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion duly made by Kenneth Aurecchia and seconded by Joseph Hagan it was

**VOTED:** That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the minutes of the May 10, 2010 meeting.

Vote: 7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Kenneth Aurecchia, Brandon Brown, Solomon A. Solomon, Daniel Ryan, Joseph Hagan and Pierre LaPerriere

NAYS: 0

**3. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

#### 4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Caprio thanked Dr. Dooley for his hospitality and efforts, as well as the hospitality extended by members of the University community this evening.

The Chair welcomed William Formicola, Vice President of the College Crusade of Rhode Island, to tonight's meeting.

Chair Caprio briefly addressed the recent coverage on the legislature's decision not to put the combined University of Rhode Island/Rhode Island College nursing science building on the November ballot. There was an article in the *Providence Journal* on Saturday (6/26/10) which reported that at last week's Facilities and Finance Committee meeting, the Chair publicly registered his dismay that the General Assembly did not put this project on the ballot and now wants a feasibility study done. This is an accurate comment. Chair Caprio added that Lifespan, Care New England, the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce, the Mayor of the City of Providence and this Board have all enthusiastically supported the nursing building project. The *Providence Journal* itself in an editorial said, "The Rhode Island General Assembly erred big time in keeping off this year's ballot a \$60 million bond issue for a common nursing education building for the University of Rhode Island and Rhode Island College in Providence's jewelry district." The article further stated, "The expansion of Brown University's medical program and the freeing up of development land in the jewelry district from the Route 195 relocation makes this a very good time to put a nursing school facility in the jewelry district."

Chair Caprio indicated he had been quite disturbed by an article that appeared in the *Providence Journal* (Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010) which read in part:

That the Dean of the School of Nursing at Rhode Island College said to move forward without consulting the college nursing faculty would be a disservice to all involved, and further went on to say that the University of Rhode Island and Rhode Island College have very different nursing programs, explaining that the College brings along a high proportion of first generation college students, many of them from immigrant families who depend on a network of academic and test-taking support on the campus off Mt. Pleasant Avenue.

Chair Caprio added that he knows a little about first generation immigrant students, having at one point in his life been a first generation immigrant student. When he read the article, he felt a little insulted. He stated that he was not sure what the intent was, but that it implies that first generation immigrant students are in a special category. That is not the case. Although there may be some differences in the University of Rhode Island program and the Rhode Island College program, the University provided Chair Caprio with information explaining that both programs serve an increasingly diverse student body. For example, the University has approximately 25% of their nursing students as students of color and more than ten percent are students in a talent development program. In addition, the University's nursing program has developed a special pathways program to help transition under-served Rhode Island students into their program and to provide greater access to the nursing profession for students in diverse backgrounds. Likewise, the Chair stated that he must commend Rhode Island College. As of March 2010, the College's School of Nursing received the highest pass rate in Rhode Island, 98% on the NCLX. Also, 100% of the Nursing School's faculty is tenured and have earned Ph.D.'s. along with having received numerous awards. Chair Caprio stated he was very pleased and proud of both institutions.

Chair Caprio stated that on numerous occasions students have stated that they welcome academic challenges and want to be held to the highest of standards. To imply that first generation immigrant college students are not qualified to handle the rigor of the nursing program is simply insulting and very wrong. It is understood that these students, and many others as well, may need additional academic and social support from time to time. We have stated on many occasions that these services will be provided in the new nursing/sciences building as they are at both the Kingston and Mt. Pleasant campuses at both the University and Rhode Island College, in much the same way we provide these services to the University and CCRI students at the downtown Providence campus that serves both institutions.

Chair Caprio assured the Board that we will move forward with the feasibility study with the goal of having it completed in time to submit it to the General Assembly during their next session. He indicated that he fully expects that the study will affirm what the Board, Lifespan, Care New England, the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce and so many others have also agreed, that this new nursing sciences building is a terrific idea. It will allow for expansion of both programs and increase the number of graduating nursing students. Chair Caprio noted that this joint nursing sciences building will save taxpayers a minimum of \$20 million as opposed to building two separate facilities. The building will provide state-of-the art education as well as tremendous synergy with many of our state's hospitals and premier health care programs. Once the study is complete, we will work closely with the General Assembly to explore the potential funding alternatives for this initiative in calendar year 2011.

Chair Caprio congratulated Dr. Peter Alfonso, Vice President for Research and Economic Development at the University of Rhode Island, on the *Research & Innovation* booklet that was distributed today. The Chair noted a portion of the article entitled "The Epicenter for Vaccine Development in Rhode Island's Knowledge District" which reads:

l'Cubed is URI's first research laboratory at the Providence campus, located there to enable researchers to easily create partnerships with nearby hospitals, Lifespan, Brown University and local life sciences companies. Rooted in the development of the "knowledge economy."

This idea has been put forth by the University of Rhode Island. The plan consists of 6 goals which fit right into moving into the knowledge district:

1. Foster and sustain rigorous academic programs and co-curricular activities that demonstrate intellectual engagement, cultural inquiry, and scholastic collaboration.
2. Create a diverse and inclusive campus culture that consistently makes students and their learning the priority.
3. Optimize and maintain a welcoming, supportive physical and technological environment that provides teaching, learning, research, and gathering spaces that are functionally effective, aesthetically pleasing, and sustainable.
4. Develop and achieve proactive, comprehensive, and effective communications and interactions with internal and external communities.
5. Create and sustain a larger and more diverse set of revenue streams and resources that support the mission, development, and long-term vitality of the college.

6. Contribute to improving the economic development and quality of life – intellectual, social, and cultural – in the state of Rhode Island.

Chair Caprio noted that all six goals enumerated in the College's Vision 2015 strategic plan support the nursing building concept that is being proposed.

The Chair asked that everyone continue to work with the Commissioner to ensure that we can get this nursing building off the ground next year and hopefully find a funding source.

## **5. OPEN FORUM**

No one signed up for open forum.

## **6. REPORT OF THE ACTING COMMISSIONER**

Acting Commissioner Di Pasquale thanked Chair Caprio for his comments on the importance of the nursing building and the continuation of moving our agenda forward. He will be meeting with the presidents, provosts and vice presidents to continue to move this project forward. We have already had inquiries from the Economic Development Corporation to work with us on this as well as the Chamber to continue to move the agenda forward. We will be bringing together an entire team and we assure you and our entire Board that it is our highest priority.

### **a. 2010 Legislative Summary**

The legislature passed the FY10 supplemental budget and the FY11 budget simultaneously a week or so before they recessed in early June. The FY2011 enacted budget essentially level funds (after a \$12 million cut in FY2010) public higher education. The FY10 budget that was enacted last June was later adjusted and the system lost more than \$12 million in funding.

Dr. Susan LaPanne, Associate Commissioner for Finance & Management, prepared a chart detailing the general revenue funding for Higher Education vs. the Department of Corrections. These charts clearly show where we are in terms of budget for the system, and very graphically point out the continuation of diminishing funds and the struggles that the University and the Colleges are having.

Acting Commission Di Pasquale has asked the presidents to prepare a report as to the impact of the 2010-2011 budget cuts. The reports have been completed and will be submitted to the Board.

The legislature has restored some of Higher Education's FTE's which should begin to help the system. In addition, Acting Commissioner Di Pasquale noted that this budget is enacted with a reliance on \$95 million dollars in federal funds sitting out there, wondering if will be funded or not. As he indicated at the Finance and Facilities meeting, each of the Presidents need to be acutely aware that this budget may not be final and that we need to be conservative as we enter this new fiscal year.

The Acting Commissioner added, as Chair Caprio noted, Higher Education did not get the joint nursing building approved, but did receive \$175,000 to conduct a feasibility study. He stated that it is also important to note that the November ballot issue for Higher Education will be \$78 million dollars. It will be asking voter approval for \$61 million dollars for a new Chemistry Building at the University, and \$17 million for a newly renovated Art Center at Rhode Island College.

The System Vision Task Force created by the Board will be the subject of a brief report this evening, beginning to move us forward on our strategic planning thinking.

The Commissioner ended his report by reminding the Board that at tonight's meeting it will be asked to vote on an approval of Rhode Island College's new strategic plan, consolidation of several academic programs at the University, approval of new institutes at Rhode Island College, two licensing agreements, and approval from the Facilities Committee on issues addressed at their last meeting. There will also be a more detailed discussion of the final FY10 and FY11 budgets in the report of the Finance Committee.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### a. Recommendation for Approval of Rhode Island College's Strategic Plan, "RIC Vision 2015"

President Carriuolo spoke of the process that the College went through in preparation of the Strategic Plan. As president, she set the charge and reviewed drafts during the strategic planning process. The strategic planning committee, which began over a year ago, included representatives of the faculty, the students, the staff, the alumni, the unions at the College, and the community. They gathered information through a series of open forums on campus and posted drafts on the college website for review and for comment. The President asked for goals that were compatible with the college's mission and vision which were revised as part of the process. The goals were also mapped to RIBGHE priorities, to NEASC standards and to her presidential themes. She thanked Strategic Planning Committee Chair, Vice President Ronald Pitt and Co-chairs, Leslie Bogart and Maureen Reddy for their work and efforts as they oversaw the process to a successful conclusion.

In regard to approvals, the mission and the vision statements and later the entire draft plan, were approved first by the President's cabinet and then by the internal governing body, the Rhode Island College Council. The plan then moved on to the Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board for review and suggestions. This is a five year plan with broad goals. Once approved by the Board, each year the plan will have a companion implementation plan setting measurable objectives for moving the College closer to its goals every year.

- a. On a motion duly made by Pierre LaPerriere and seconded by Solomon A. Solomon it was

<b>VOTED:</b>	That	the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the "RIC Vision 2015" strategic plan
	Vote:	7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
	YEAS:	Frank Caprio, Kenneth Aurecchia, Brandon Brown, Solomon A. Solomon, Daniel Ryan, Joseph Hagan, and Pierre LaPerriere
	NAYS:	0

**b. System Vision Task Force Update**

Chair Caprio thanked Governor LaPerriere for all of his work and effort in getting together a very diverse committee from various segments of the Rhode Island business and professional communities, and for all the time and effort on an excellent report.

Commissioner Di Pasquale thanked Chair Caprio, Governor LaPerriere, Governor Ryan and Governor Brown for their participation in the System Vision Task Force. At the last meeting of the SVTF, Chair Caprio and Governor Ryan were also in attendance. It is duly noted that a vision statement will be moving forward on behalf of the system as well. There were six major themes that emerged from the many meetings of the Committee over the past couple of years. The Committee's goal is to take all of the material and information and prepare a report on the major themes and to move forward with a strategic plan developed by the Office of Higher Education. The Committee will present their report to the Board at their August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. The major themes consist of:

- preserving public higher education access, affordability and quality;
- public higher education as an economic engine for the State of Rhode Island;
- defining and selling the public benefit of public higher education
- moving the mindset of Rhode Island from maintenance and reduction of dollars, to public higher education investment with return on investment
- partnering public higher education with public/private sectors and agencies
- increasing the completion rates of public higher education

Governor LaPerriere expressed his gratitude to everyone for their involvement. He noted that the system and the Board have had some challenges along the way. He also acknowledged that with the help of Associate Commissioner/External Affairs Steve Maurano, the Committee was able to stay on track and move the System Vision Task Force forward.

Chair Caprio thanked Governor LaPerriere for his insight into the creation of the System Vision Task Force. He thanked Governor LaPerriere for the time he dedicated to the task force and for all his efforts.

**8. BOG COMMITTEE REPORTS and RELATED CONSENT AGENDA**

**a. Academic & Student Affairs**

Governor Hagan presented a report on behalf of the Academic & Student Affairs Committee. The Committee met earlier today, June 28, 2010. Following the approval of the minutes from the April 23, 2010 meeting, Commissioner Di Pasquale updated the Committee members regarding news pertinent to Academic and Student Affairs Committee Members, much of which has been reviewed by the Commissioner at this meeting. You will see four consent items on today's agenda that were approved at today's ASAC meeting. The Academic and Student Affairs Committee recommends:

1. **Approval of a proposal from The University of Rhode Island to consolidate four existing M.S. programs and two Ph.D. programs representing individual fields within the Biological and Environmental Sciences into two interdisciplinary degree programs: the M.S. in Biological and Environmental Sciences and the Ph.D. in Biological and Environmental Sciences, each providing four interdisciplinary areas of specialization – Cell & Molecular Biology, Integrative and Evolutionary Biology, Ecology and Ecosystem Sciences, and Earth and Environmental Sciences**
2. **Approval of proposals from Rhode Island College to permanently establish the following non-traditional academic units**
  - the Alan Shawn Feinstein Institute for Philanthropic Leadership
  - the Institute for Portuguese and Lusophone World Studies
  - the Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities
3. **Approval of a proposal from Rhode Island College to consolidate two academic programs, the Bachelor of Music in Performance and the Bachelor of Science in Music Education, into a single degree program, a Bachelor of Music with concentrations in Performance and Education**
4. **Approval of a proposal from Rhode Island College to consolidate five secondary education B.A. majors into a Single Social Studies/Secondary Education B.A., leading to the History/Social Studies Certification**

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee also heard Rhode Island College's reasoning behind changing the name of their department major and minor of *Communications* to the department major and minor of *Communication*, without the "s." The meeting concluded with a report from Associate Commissioner Deborah Grossman-Garber reporting on Title IIA, No Child Left Behind Funding Awards for 2010 which you will find in the Commissioner's report.

On a motion duly made by Joseph Hagan and seconded by Solomon A. Solomon it was

**VOTED:**

(8a1) That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the proposal from The University of Rhode Island to consolidate four M.S. programs and two Ph.D. programs—each representing individual fields within the Biological and Environmental Sciences—into two interdisciplinary degrees: the M.S. in Biological and Environmental Sciences and the Ph.D. in Biological and Environmental Sciences, each providing four interdisciplinary areas of specialization – Cell & Molecular Biology, Integrative and Evolutionary Biology, Ecology and Ecosystem Sciences, and Earth and Environmental Sciences, and

That The Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the proposal from The University of Rhode Island to suspend student admission to the following academic programs: the

Biological Sciences Ph.D.; the Environmental Sciences Ph.D.; the Biological Sciences M.S.; the Cell and Molecular Biology M.S.; the Environmental Sciences M.S.; and the Fisheries, Animal and Veterinary Sciences M.S.;

and further,

(8a2) That The Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the proposal from Rhode Island College to permanently establish the Alan Shawn Feinstein Institute for Philanthropic Leadership, and

That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the proposal from Rhode Island College to permanently establish the Institute for Portuguese and Lusophone World Studies, and

That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approval the proposal from Rhode Island College to permanently establish the Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities;

and further,

(8a3) That The Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the proposal from Rhode Island College to consolidate two academic programs, the Bachelor of Music in Performance and the Bachelor of Sciences in Music Education, into a single degree program, a Bachelor of Music with concentrations in Performance and Education, and

That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the proposal from Rhode Island College to suspend student admission to the Bachelor of Sciences in Music Education,

and further,

(8a4) That The Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the proposal from Rhode Island College to consolidate five secondary education B.A. programs into a single Social Studies/Secondary Education B.A., leading to the History/Social Studies certification, and

That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the proposal from Rhode Island College to suspend student admission to the following undergraduate programs: Anthropology/Secondary Education, Geography/Secondary Education, Political Science/Secondary Education, Social Science/Secondary Education, and Sociology/Secondary Education.

Vote: 7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Kenneth Aurecchia, Brandon Brown,  
Solomon A. Solomon, Daniel Ryan, Joseph Hagan, and  
Pierre LaPerriere

NAYS: 0

**b. Finance**

**1. Discussion and Review of FY 2011 Budget and FY 2010 Supplemental Budget Enacted by the Legislature.**

In Vice Chair Ryan's absence, Commissioner Di Pasquale asked Associate Commissioner Susan LaPanne to briefly show the significance of the handout presented to the Board on general revenue funding and the Department of Corrections.

Associate Commissioner LaPanne provided the Board with a quick overview of the three graphs she prepared summarizing state appropriation:

Graph No. 1, *General Revenue Funding, Higher Education vs. Corrections FY2007-FY2011*, in regard to the appropriation for Higher Education versus the appropriation for the Department of Corrections. As reflected on the graph, in FY2009 the level of appropriation given to Higher Education crossed over the appropriation given to the Department of Corrections, and at that point Higher Education began to trail the Department of Corrections in state appropriations. Each year since then, Higher Education's appropriation has been reduced while that for the Department of Corrections has increased and the trailing has become more significant.

Graph No. 2, *A History of Appropriations for RI Public Higher Education*. In 1998, Higher Education's appropriation from the State was \$144.9 million dollars; for FY2011, Higher Education's appropriation is \$144.0 million dollars. Associate Commissioner LaPanne noted that for FY2007, Higher Education received \$182 million, realizing a reduction of \$38 million between FY2007 and FY2011.

Graph No. 3, *Appropriations by Student FTEs for RI Public Higher Education*. This graph takes a look at appropriation by student FTE. Student FTEs at the 1998 level of appropriation were \$5,835 per FTE, and for FY2011 it is \$4,598 per FTE. She noted that Higher Education is now serving more students with less.

As for enclosure 8b1, Associate Commissioner LaPanne noted that this enclosure summarizes the FY2011 appropriation budget as well as giving Board members a history of what has happened with the FY2010 budget from the original enactment last June through this current year to the final enactment of the supplemental budget.

Chair Caprio indicated that the report presented by Associate Commissioner LaPanne on Item 8b1 was informational only and does not require a vote.

**c. Facilities**

Chair Caprio reported that the Facilities Committee met on Tuesday, June 22, 2010 and recommended the following items for consideration by the Board of Governors for Higher Education:

**1. Approval to enter into a License Agreement between the Board of Governors for Higher Education on behalf of Rhode Island College and Clear Wireless, L.L.C., for the placement of telecommunication antennae**

Rhode Island College wishes to enter into a license agreement allowing Clear Wireless, L.L.C., to place cell phone antennae on the roof of the Browne Residence Hall.

The license agreement would be for an initial term of ten years with two five-year renewal options. The rental income that Rhode Island College will receive from this agreement will be \$2,600 per month with an annual escalator of 3%.

The agreement has been reviewed by the Rhode Island College General Counsel, Nicholas Long, and the Board of Governors' General Counsel, Ronald Cavallaro.

Upon acceptance of this license agreement by the Board, this license agreement will be forwarded to the State Properties Committee for review and approval.

**2. Acceptance of the Updated Plans for the Renovation of the Roger Williams Commons Wellness Center at URI**

The Roger Williams Wellness Center Renovation Project has been reflected in the University's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for the past several years. While an update of the project is being prepared for the University's FY 2012-2016 CIP, due to the State Budget Office later in the summer, the University requested review and approval of the current project update. This request is to allow project bids to go out early in the upcoming fiscal year.

The initial project scope anticipated that the second level of the former Roger Williams Dining Hall building would become the new student wellness center while the Office of Housing and Residential Life remained in place on the first level. There is currently a plan to accommodate Housing and Residential Life offices in the new Hillside Residence Hall. During the construction period, however, these offices will be relocated to interim quarters.

This relocation now allows the entire building to become available for an expanded Wellness Center which will involve renovations to the full 29,618 square feet. The end result will be a full-service student health and fitness facility in the heart of the Kingston Campus with close access to academic, residential, and other auxiliary enterprise facilities. The Wellness Center is viewed as an important marketing feature of on-campus housing and as a business generator for the nearby Hope Commons Dining Hall and the bookstore. It is also a significant promotional opportunity for Health Services.

The current plan for funding this project is through gift funding which will provide approximately \$2M, with \$9M coming from University Auxiliary fund balances over the next two fiscal years. University auxiliary fund balances totaled \$17.5M at the close of fiscal year 2009.

On a motion duly made by Dan Ryan and seconded by Pierre LaPerriere it was

**VOTED:**

(8c1) That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the License Agreement between the Board of Governors on behalf of Rhode Island College and Clear Wireless, L.L.C., subject to the review and approval of the State Properties Committee;

and further,

(8c2) That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the updated plans for the renovation of the Roger Williams Commons Wellness Center at the University of Rhode Island

Vote: 7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Kenneth Aurecchia, Brandon Brown, Solomon A. Solomon, Daniel Ryan, Joseph Hagan, and Pierre LaPerriere

NAYS: 0

**8d. Government Relations Committee**

Governor Aurecchia reported that the Government Relations Committee met on June 23, 2010 at CCRI, Warwick. There was not a quorum present and the meeting was merely informational. The Committee heard updates on the FY2010 supplemental budget and the FY2011 budget, both of which were enacted earlier this month. At the Committee meeting, a final report was given on how higher education fared in the most recent General Assembly session.

Chair Caprio indicated that no vote would be required on Item 8d, as there was not a quorum present at the Committee meeting.

**9. ADDITIONAL CONSENT AGENDA**

There were no additional consent items on today's agenda.

**10. PRESIDENTS' REPORTS**

**a. Rhode Island College**

President Carriuolo was pleased to notify the board of three new certificate programs at the College:

- The certificate of graduate study in Mathematics Content Specialist: elementary
- The certificate of Graduate Study in Health Psychology

- The certificate of Undergraduate Study in Insurance and Risk Management

The President made a few more announcements to the Board:

- The College's search for a Vice President for Administration and Finance has yielded five qualified candidates. With Board approval, the College is hoping to have a new Vice President in place by the end of August.
- The renovations to the Donovan Dining Center and Recreation Center are on schedule. The college community and the Locke family have contributed \$30,000 for the Ivy Locke Terrace to be added to the renovated Recreation Center.
- Don Tencher, Rhode Island College's Athletic Director, was named athletic director of the year this past week by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics.
- The College's foundation golf tournament netted over \$25,000 toward graduate assistantships.
- Between this summer and last summer, a total of 57 faculty members have enrolled in RIC's workshops to learn on-line teaching. All 57 have developed one or more on-line or hybrid courses. Also under development at the College is a certificate in on-line teaching.

**b. Community College of Rhode Island**

President Di Pasquale thanked everyone who attended the College's commencement exercises. The College conferred 1,361 associate degrees and certificates.

The President proudly announced that the College has a new dean of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. Dr. Martin Camacho comes to the College from Barry University in Miami Shores, Florida. Dr. Camacho was born in Mexico City; he is an accomplished pianist and has been the recipient of awards and honors from 18 national and local competitions in Mexico, Cuba and the United States. Dr. Camacho's experiences as a scholar, professor and accomplished musician have prepared him well for this critical academic position, and we look forward to having him join the College.

Lastly, the College is in the search for a new director of Marketing, Communications and Publications. President Di Pasquale stated that as of this date, the College has received a total of 132 applications. There are many qualified candidates and the College will present a recommendation to the Board at a later date.

In a written report distributed to the Board, President Di Pasquale touched on several additional topics:

- Students and professional performers will bring "Hello Broadway!" to CCRI this summer with two revues and seven performances.
- The Department of Marketing and Communications along with the Department of Information Technology have been working to complete a nine minute video that will provide a visual tour of the College and all its campuses. The video will be used for various purposes, including, high school visits, the CCRI Web site, Facebook, etc.

- o The College is in its final stages of review of their annual Career Placement Report which summarizes a survey taken of CCRI graduates one year after graduation. This report is provided to legislators, centers of influence and CCRI department chairs, deans and administrators.
- o CCRI is rolling out a new advertising campaign in print, radio and online outlets to promote the image of the college. The campaign will feature a series of programs available at the college.

**c. University of Rhode Island**

President Dooley provided the Board with a copy of the Foundation's report, *Research & Innovation*. Dr. Dooley called everyone's attention to page 4 which highlights the economic impact of Externally-Funded Research at URI. This analysis, prepared by Leonard P. Lardaro, Professor of Economics, indicates that over 1,400 jobs and \$21 million in tax revenue accrues to the State of Rhode Island by virtue of the fact that the University of Rhode Island faculty are competitive for external, largely federal, grants.

President Dooley presented the Board with a copy of the University's summer reading assignment, *A Hope in the Unseen*, a remarkable story about Cedric Jennings, a young man who worked through very difficult times. The book details the challenges he faced at a very difficult high school, how he made himself competitive for college and was admitted to Brown University where he would ultimately be successful. Mr. Jennings will be visiting the URI campus this fall.

**11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Acting Commissioner Di Pasquale confirmed that the Board's next meeting is Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. at the University of Rhode Island's Coastal Institute.

**12. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chair Caprio indicated that he would entertain a motion to enter into executive session pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2) to discuss:

- a. Update on Pending Litigation
- b. Update on Collective Bargaining
- c. Contract Extensions for the Following Bargaining Units:  
RIC Faculty  
Driver's Education Association

On a motion duly made by Pierre LaPerriere and seconded by Dan Ryan it was

**VOTED:** That the Board of Governors for Higher Education convene in executive session pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2) and R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(5) for the reasons set forth above.

Vote: 7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Michael Ryan, Kenneth Aurecchia, Brandon Brown, Solomon A. Solomon, Thomas Rockett and Daniel Ryan

NAYS: 0

After a short break, the Board convened in Executive Session at 6:11 p.m.

All non-Board members in the audience were excused with the exception of Acting Commissioner/Community College of Rhode Island President Ray M. Di Pasquale, University of Rhode Island President David M. Dooley, Rhode Island College President Nancy Carriuolo, General Counsel Ronald Cavallaro, Labor Relations Director Anne Marie Coleman, Associate Commissioner for External Affairs Steven Maurano, Associate Commissioner for Finance and Management Susan LaPanne and Deborah Grossman-Garber, Associate Commissioner for Academic Planning and Policy.

The Board reconvened in open session at 6:14 p.m.

On a motion duly made by Dan Ryan and seconded by Pierre LaPerriere it was

**VOTED:** That the Board of Governors for Higher Education seal the minutes of the executive session held this evening.

Vote: 7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Kenneth Aurecchia, Brandon Brown, Solomon A. Solomon, Daniel Ryan, Joseph Hagan, and Pierre LaPerriere

NAYS: 0

On a motion duly made by Dan Ryan and seconded by Solomon A. Solomon it was

**VOTED:** That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the contract extensions for the:

RIC Faculty and  
Driver's Education Association;

and further,

That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the settlement of the matter/claim discussed in the executive session

Vote: 7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members  
voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Kenneth Aurecchia, Brandon Brown,  
Solomon A. Solomon, Daniel Ryan, Joseph Hagan,  
and Pierre LaPerriere

NAYS: 0

**13. NEXT MEETINGS**

Monday, August 16, 2010, 5:00 p.m.

**(Please note the date of this meeting was subsequently changed to  
August 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.)**

University of Rhode Island, Coastal Institute, Narragansett, Rhode Island

Monday, October 4, 2010, 5:00 p.m.

Community College of Rhode Island, Board Room 4090, Warwick, Rhode Island

Monday, November 8, 2010, 5:00 p.m.

Rhode Island College, Student Union Ballroom, Providence, Rhode Island

**14. ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion duly made by Brandon Brown and seconded by Pierre LaPerriere it was

**VOTED:** That the Board of Governors for Higher Education adjourn.

Vote: 7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members  
voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Frank Caprio, Kenneth Aurecchia, Brandon Brown,  
Solomon A. Solomon, Daniel Ryan, Joseph Hagan,  
and Pierre LaPerriere

NAYS: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

***Respectfully submitted,***

***Kenneth Aurecchia, Secretary***